



## **February Board Message (continued)**

get beyond the reach of our early influences, or that anyone can sink so low, that he or she is incapable of being reached by the love of others

The other great influence in John Newton's life besides his mother in his youth, was the love of his sweetheart, Mary Catlett, later in life.

He was his mother's only child and almost her whole employment was for his education. Everyday of his life, the memory of his mother's teachings kept tugging at his heart.

It was some years later that he met and fell in love with Mary Catlett. His affection for her was as constant as it was romantic. Through all his wanderings and sufferings he never ceased thinking of her, and after seven years, she became his wife.

To say that Newton's life changed suddenly is to do grave injustice to the memory of these two fine women whose influence on him should not be forgotten. Yet, in a sense it was sudden, for in the midst of a terrible storm at sea, he began to pray, and when at last the storm subsided, he was a changed man for he felt the presence of God.

Perhaps it was the influence of the two women who loved him that came to the forefront of his mind at the moment of terror that drove him to pray. On March 10, 1748, he was converted to the grace of God and positive thinking, and to a new life! He became a minister and a writer of many hymns. When he wrote "Amazing Grace", it was really his autobiography set to poetry and music.

When Max Morrison, the author of "Standing Up To Life", visited the St. Mary Woolnoth Church in London where John Newton was the beloved pastor for 24 years, he saw a plaque on one of the walls bearing an epitaph which John wrote regarding the reason that he wrote "Amazing Grace." It is a hymn of hope, for it reminds us that regardless of the circumstances, no life is ever hopeless, but through human love and the grace of God (and positive thinking), it can be restored to newness of life.

When Max wrote this book, in 1981 on the cover of the book, he wrote, "A Book to Help You Face the Many Problems of Daily Life with Courage and Confidence."

Following this example, Dr. Rev. Linda Logan encourages us "to know that you can always start over again by making new choices for your reality."

That's how I choose to live my life.

And so it is.

***Gloria Meade***

Board Member

## **February Practitioner Message**

### ***An Affirmation for Asking & Receiving Strong & Positive Relationships[s] with the People in My Life***

I am recognizing today the magnificence of Spirit in me, as me.

I am accepting the love intelligence that powers the Universe working through me and showing up as me.

I acknowledge that I have only to ask and open my heart and mind to receive the answer to any question; the response to any desire; to find the route to any destination.

I ask and receive the wisdom to know how to build and maintain strong and positive relationships with the people in my life.

I affirm this day and everyday to be clear in my communications, first with myself and also, with others in my life; to stand tall in whom I am; to act with both firmness and love.

I allow my listening to be as great as my speaking.

I seek to understand, just as much with my heart, as with my intellect.

I understand that each day is a new beginning and a new opportunity to better know myself, as well as, each person in my life. In each new interaction, I allow the healing energy of love to move and grow into my relationships.

Releasing these affirmations into the action of Love and Law, I accept these gifts in gratitude and thanksgiving, knowing that they are already achieved and received.

Namaste.

***Falomi Mendoza***

RScP



*Rev. Dr. Linda Logan*  
*FEBRUARY Topics Preview*



*Remember – You can “Take Linda Home with You” by purchasing the Sunday service on a CD for only \$5.00 in our Imagine bookstore.*

*February 7<sup>th</sup> – Littleness Versus Magnitude*

The Course in Miracles says, “That we have a choice to live a life of littleness or one of great magnitude.” “Littleness” comes when you decide to limit your possibilities rather than to understand that “magnitude” means to be aware of, and to make choices, that go beyond old experiences and examples. “Living in magnitude” means to willingly discard ancient beliefs and to remove negative mental barriers.

*February 14<sup>th</sup> – Happy Valentine’s Day*

Valentine’s Day is about more than chocolates and flowers. This is the perfect time to fall in love with yourself and to give yourself the gift of unconditional self-love. Spend the day in self contemplation - looking for all of the wonderful things about yourself.

**Happy Valentine’s Day.**

*February 21<sup>st</sup> – Everything is Listening*

Every word that you speak, every thought and action, is affecting your reality. Through these actions, words, and deeds you are using the clay of life to shape the events of your daily life. You are the sculptor of your life; inherent in you are the same abilities as a Michelangelo.

*February 28<sup>th</sup> – You Always Get What You Focus On*

Being the powerful human beings that we are, we have to be aware of where we place our mental attention. Whether it is on the positive or the negative, when you become one with it in mind (thinking about it in a concentrated manner), you have claimed it, and it has the ability to become a life experience. “Change your thoughts - change your life” as they say.

## *Elk's Call*

The month of February is brimming with things to enjoy – Superbowl 50, Valentine's Day, Presidents' 3-day Weekend, and an additional day – Leap Year Day! I will enjoy them all starting with watching the Bronco's play the Panthers. Even those are not "my teams", (go Ravens and Seahawks!), it will be fun to eat pizza and share yelling with my daughter.



Valentine's Day is special for couples, but I send V-day cards to friends (yes, via "snail-mail") and share the love. It's always good to send a loving note no matter what the occasion. Think of the smiles at the receiving end. Do you remember how to address an envelope???

Presidents' Day weekend will probably be another "trying our patience" weekend up here with all the additional "flatlanders" coming up, but a good opportunity for us to slow down at home. Maybe re-organize a closet or work on an in-house project.

And we've been given another day in the year this year. Happy Birthday to all Leap Year babies! How wonderful to have another 24 hours – I could certainly use it. What will you do?

There's something else this month – it's the American Heart Month. It began in 1963 to urge Americans to join the battle against heart disease. Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is "National Wear Red Day" to recognize that heart disease is not only a man's problem. So what will you wear?

So here's to the "heart month" – now go spread some love!

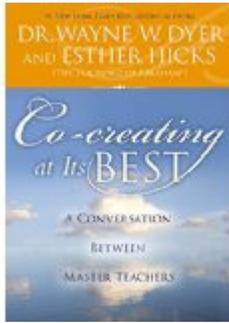
*Ellen Kesler*

Editor

## *February Calendar*

- February 3<sup>rd</sup> Meditation 10:00 a.m.*  
Carolyn Dawley's house
- February 5<sup>th</sup> National Wear Red Day*  
(see "Elk's Call")
- February 7<sup>th</sup> Superbowl 50!*
- February 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees meeting*  
At the Center  
*1:00 p.m.*
- February 10<sup>th</sup> Meditation, 10:00 a.m.*  
Carolyn Dawley's house
- February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day*
- February 15<sup>th</sup> Potluck, 6:00 p.m.*  
*Drumming, 7:00 p.m.*  
*Moonridge Wellness Center*  
*And... President's Day*
- February 17<sup>th</sup> Meditation, 10:00 a.m.*  
Carolyn Dawley's house
- February 24<sup>th</sup> Meditation 10:00 a.m.*  
Carolyn Dawley's house
- February 29<sup>th</sup> Leap Year!*

## Book Review



### Co-Creating at It's Best: A Conversation between Master Teachers

#### Contributor(s):

Esther Hicks (Author),  
Wayne Dyer (Author)

**Publisher:** Hay House  
**Price:** \$14.99  
**Binding:** Hardcover  
**Copyright Date:** 2014  
**Publication Date:** December 2, 2014

What happens when you bring together one of the most inspirational spiritual teachers of all time and the Master Sages of the Universe? A magical, insightful, invigorating encounter you will never forget! In this awe-inspiring book based on a live event in Anaheim, California, Dr. Wayne W. Dyer sits down with Esther Hicks and the wise Collective Consciousness known as "Abraham".

Wayne asks all the questions he has accumulated from his more than 40 years of teaching others about self-reliance and self-discovery, and Abraham delivers the answers we all need to hear. Topics include: Parenting, Parents, and the Continuum of Life: Can we reach the state of love that has no opposite? Dharma, destiny, and being on your path: Dealing with bad news: Are there ascended masters and guides? Monsanto and GMOs and many more!

While Wayne and Esther have been friends for years, this is the first time that he engages with Abraham in an extended dialogue about life's many lessons and perplexing questions. Read this book and experience this extraordinary meeting of the minds for yourself!--;Provided by publisher.

***Mindy Mathewson,***

Bookstore Manager

## February Birthdays



Donna Fisher	Feb 4
Cathy Winch	Feb 4
Sandy Morrell	Feb 9
Art Erickson	Feb 10
Fran Fish	Feb 19

## Drumming!



“Drumming – a fun way of becoming one with all of life (our true identity).” - Art Harriman

This month's Drumming will be on **February 15<sup>th</sup>** in the new **Moonstone Wellness Center**, 42178 Moonridge Rd. (the old ReMax building), 6:00 pm potluck, 7pm drumming.

The theme is:  
**Love (Valentine's Day)**  
 so **wear red, pink, white**, etc.

For further information,  
 contact Coral at 909.453.8087

## ***Church Business***

### ***December Financials*** ***December 2015***

Sunday Collections	\$ 5,054
Other income	<u>\$ 156</u>
Total income	\$ 5,210
Expenses	(\$ 9,612)
<b>Net regular December income</b>	<b>(\$4,402)</b>

### ***December Attendance***

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>
12/6	31	2
12/13	27	3
12/20	61	2
12/27	26	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>December Averages</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2</b>

## ***Our Prosperity***

***"It is in giving that we receive."***

### ***Notes from your Board about our January Tithing***

#### ***Gifts to the Community***

ANTN = \$25  
BV Hospital Foundation = \$50  
DOVES = \$70  
Food Pantry = \$100

***January Tithing Total = \$245***

This month we had \$183 additional tithing money. The Board of Trustees has chosen to give the additional money to the family who lost family members in the fire in December and add the donations contributed by the congregation that totaled \$378 so our tithing check to them will be \$561. Outstanding, everyone!!!

## ***Our Practitioners & Spiritual Advisors***

***Carolyn Dawley***  
***909-585-5350***

***Sherrie Kral***  
***909-262-1760 or 584-2042***

***Michael McConnell***  
***909-744-4556***

***Falomi Mendoza***  
***213-447-9043***

***Nancy Walker***  
***909-866-3200***

***Linda Logan – our Minister***  
***909-366-0173***

These loving souls are available to support you in prayer for any challenges you might be facing.

## ***Your Church Board***

### **Officers**

Ellen Kesler, President  
Sherrie Kral, Vice President  
Judy Hinton, Secretary  
Gloria Meade, Treasurer

### **Members**

Karen Hicks  
Suzanne Klump  
Michael McConnell

### **Legal Advisors**

Suzanne Klump

### **Fundraising Chair**

Sherry Noone

### **Newsletter Staff**

Ellen Kesler – Editor  
Julie Grandi – Design

### **Church Administrative Assistant**

Sandy Morrell 866-7100

### **Imagine Bookstore/Gift Shop**

Mindy Mathewson, Bookstore Mgr  
Nancy Walker, Gift Shop Mgr

## **"Bill" Board for BVCSE**

Here is a great opportunity to participate in supporting your Center:

We are putting into motion one of the suggestions from our Visionary session. There is a poster board in the Hospitality room for you to sign up to help pay the bills to support the Center. Here's all you do:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Pick the utility you want to help pay.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pick the amount you want to pay: if the amount is too high, you can cross it out and put what you can contribute.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Put your name under that amount.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Make your check out to the Center (BVCSE) and drop it in the Sunday basket or take it to Sandy in the office during the week. This way it will be a tax deduction for you. In the memo part of your check, just write the utility to which you wish to contribute.

5<sup>th</sup> **Remember No Amount is too Small**  
*We are so grateful for your help!*

### ***In Grateful Appreciation to Our Bill Board contributors for December bills***

***Water*** – Fran Fish

***Gas*** – Dian Bartash, Fred & Judy Hinton,

***Electricity*** – Liz Harris, Fred & Judy Hinton

***Phone/Internet*** – Rhonda & Bruce Smith, Margo  
& Paul Penardi, Sandy Morell

***Mortgage*** – Imagine

***Grizzly*** – None

***Minister's Education Fund*** – Board of Trustees  
Designation

***Snow Removal*** – Gloria Meade

***Website Marketing*** - None

We are so grateful for your help

If you have any questions,

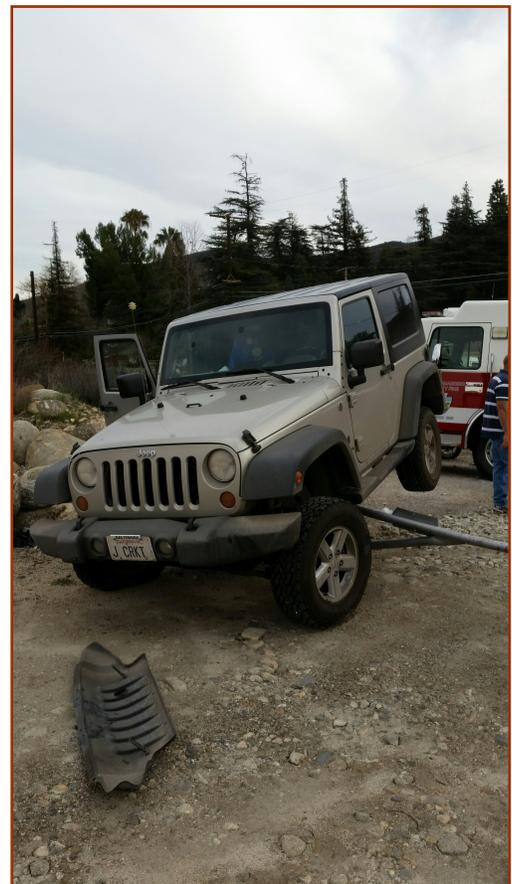
Contact Judy Hinton at 760-715-8036

We would like to gratefully acknowledge the members who continually support our Center with monthly automatic withdrawals as continual offerings. Their support is vital to keep us going:

Julie Grandi  
Marla & Bob Henrich  
Margo & Paul Penardi

## **What's the Haps**

- ◆ **Margo & Paul Penardi** are expecting their first grandchild in June – a boy!
- ◆ **Julie Grandi** is moving to La Quinta (Palm Desert area) and has her Big Bear home up for sale. (and of course Holly is going with her). But she has promised to keep helping with our newsletter on her computer – and will undoubtedly be hitting us up for a place to sleep when she comes up for Big Bear events. (Like she says, she'll have to start "sleeping around"...) )
- ◆ **All tax contributions** to BVCSE have been sent out.
- ◆ **Ellen Kesler** was in a car accident on January 22<sup>nd</sup> when her Jeep was T-boned; everyone OK, but highly recommends seatbelts for your dogs!. It saved their lives!



## ADVERTISE!

Let your spiritual community know about the services and products you provide. *We want to support you!* You are invited to advertise your business in our monthly newsletter, which reaches over 300 people. Please provide camera-ready art and a check for \$25 to the church office (or any Board member) for the March issue by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Questions? Call 909-866-7100*



**Are you a Caregiver?**

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*is a support group providing friendly & insightful tips for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's, dementia & other illnesses.*

For further information  
Please call Mary Andresen  
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ALL ARE WELCOME

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Holly says....

**Attitude is everything  
SO....  
Pick a good one!**

*and pass it along....*